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WASHINGTON, July 9, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 3 totaled an estimated 14.4 billion ton-miles, 13.1 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

The 1981 week included the Independence Day Holiday. Both years included the first week of the coal miners' holiday, although fewer miners took the holiday last year because the lengthy United Mine Workers' strike had just ended.

Cumulative volume for the first 27 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 431.4 billion ton-miles, 9.3 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 3 totaled 333,043 cars, 17.8 percent below 1981, and 10.4 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 32.4 percent in the East, 11.3 percent in the South, and 10.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 16 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Fourteen of the 21 groups declined from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 26 totaled 38,883 cars, up 9.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 66,511 trailers and/or containers, 5.5 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 26 weeks of the year was 925,533 cars, 8.2 percent higher than last year, and 1,642,829 trailers and/or containers, up 6.3 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/3/82:

	Loadings in Week ended July 3, 1982		Change from Corresponding Week 1981			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	27,402	I	3,979	17.0	I	4,552	19.9
Other farm products	4,048	I	926	29.7	D	346	7.9
Metallic ores	13,607	D	23,213	63.0	D	458	3.3
Coal	83,798	D	25,732	23.5	D	36,584	30.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	9,344	D	3,121	25.0	D	338	3.5
Nonmetallic minerals	8,181	D	6,118	42.8	D	1,083	11.7
Grain mill products	11,312	D	897	7.3	I	77	0.7
Food and kindred products	13,014	D	441	3.3	D	80	0.6
Primary forest products	12,796	D	2,134	14.3	D	1,786	12.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,273	D	561	8.2	D	515	7.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	15,849	D	2,427	13.3	D	765	4.6
Chemicals and allied products	20,777	D	2,816	11.9	D	468	2.2
Petroleum products	4,567	I	70	1.6	D	17	0.4
Stone, clay and glass products	9,798	D	3,366	25.6	D	371	3.6
Coke	4,442	D	1,986	30.9	I	502	12.7
Metals and products	8,980	D	5,805	39.3	I	872	10.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	16,044	D	679	4.1	D	1,628	9.2
Waste and scrap materials	6,807	D	3,620	34.7	D	739	9.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	9,306	D	167	1.8	I	302	3.4
All other carloads	46,485	I	6,125	15.2	I	190	0.4
LCL traffic	213	I	39	22.4	I	5	2.4
Total Cars Loaded	333,043	D	71,944	17.8	D	38,678	10.4
Corresponding week of 1981	404,987						

	1982	1981	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (27 weeks)	10,026,756	11,171,284	D 10.2
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
26 Weeks cumulative	417.1	459.1	D 9.1
Week ended July 3	14.4	16.5	D 13.1
27 Weeks cumulative	431.4	475.6	D 9.3

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